



# CALIFORNIA OCEAN PROTECTION COUNCIL

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## California Ocean Protection Council Announcement

**WHO:** California Ocean Protection Council

**WHAT:** Seeking comments on a proposed resolution supporting innovative approaches to sustainable fisheries management (see proposed resolution below) that will be presented to the council on October 26, 2006

**WHEN:** Comments on the proposed resolution should be submitted at the October 26, 2006 meeting or at least a week in advance by email to [COPCpublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCpublic@resources.ca.gov)

### **Proposed Resolution of the California Ocean Protection Council**

#### **Supporting Innovative Approaches to Sustainable Fisheries Management**

**September 13, 2006 Draft**

WHEREAS, commercial fisheries and working harbors are a part of California's rich coastal heritage; and

WHEREAS, the commercial fishing industry generates tens of millions of dollars per year and provides numerous jobs for people in California's coastal communities and beyond; and

WHEREAS, California's share of U.S. total commercial landings fell from approximately 19 percent in 1970 to less than 4 percent in 2004; and

WHEREAS, fisheries depend on a healthy marine ecosystem, and all components need to be maintained to preserve extractive and non-extractive uses; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean Protection Council Strategic Plan calls for actions that will facilitate a transition to sustainable fishing practices, improve fisheries management in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Game, and preserve working harbors through investments in infrastructure; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, the California Ocean Protection Council hereby:**

RESOLVES to promote innovative approaches to sustainable fisheries in California that create economic opportunities for fishermen and local communities, ensure the long-term health of fish stocks and marine resources, and sustain local fishing harbors; and

FURTHER RESOLVES to dedicate up to \$3 million of existing funds for projects that support sustainable fishing practices. Potential projects that could be funded include expansion of direct-to-consumer seafood markets, local fishing harbor revitalization, cooperative research, funding mechanisms such as the California Fisheries Fund, quota systems and limited entry programs, vessel and permit buybacks, and other projects.